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1. FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN APRIL 11 NEW NIGERIAN REPORTS FURTHER
STATEMENT (THIS TIME BY KAM SALEM) ON WITHDRAWAL OF NORTHERN
MOSLEM MEMBERS FROM CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY (CA) OVER SHARIA
ISSUE. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT 88 MEMBERS WHO HAD WITHDRAWN
FROM CA WILL PARTICIPATE NO FURTHER IN "DISCUSSION
OF CHAPTER ON JUDICATURE" IN DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND THAT
FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF WORK BY REMAINDER OF ASSEMBLY ON
THAT CHAPTER, NORTHERN GROUP WILL DETERMINE ITS NEXT
COURSE OF ACTION. 84 MEMBERS, AMONG
WHOM ALL NORTHERN MEMBERS
OF NEBO
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SHARIA, ARE LISTED AS SIGNATORIES OF
STATEMENT READ BY SALEM TO ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY.

2. STATE BY STATE ANALYSIS OF SIGNATORIES SHOWS FOLLOWING:

STATE	NUMBER OF WALKOUTS	REMAINING AT ASSEMBLY
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BAUCHI	10	0
BENUE	1	9
BORNO	9	2
GONGOLA	6	4
KADUNA	9	5
KANO	15	1

KWARA	6	2
NIGER	7	0
PLATEAU	2	7
SOKOTO	13	1
FMG-NOMINATED MEMBERS FROM NORTHERN STATES	6	3
TOTAL	84	33

3. TODAY'S STANDARD CARRIES SHORT ARTICLE ON SALEM
STATEMENT WHICH WENT UNMENTIONED IN NORTHERN EDITION OF TIMES.

4. COMMENT: SMALL NUMBER OF WALKOUTS BENUE AND PLATEAU
STATES IS REFLECTION BOTH CHRISTIAN OPPOSITION
TO SHARIA
AND MIDDLE BELT DETERMINATION NOT TO BE LUMPED WITH
"OLD NORTHERN" SMALL NUMBER OF MOSLEMS FROM OTHER NORTHERN
STATES WHO DID NOT WALKOUT PROBABLY BELIEVE THAT
STATES SHARIA APPEALS COURTS ARE ENOUGH AND FEDERAL SHARIA
COURT OF APPEAL NOT WORTH CONFRONTATION WHICH NOW OCCURING.
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